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FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

SEPTEMBER 14, 1992

CALL TO ORDER

The Faculty Senate of Eastern Kentucky University met on Monday, September 14, 1992, in the Faculty Dining Room of the Powell Building. The Senate Chair, Joan McGill, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The following members of the Senate were absent:

*R. Hopkins	J. Huston	*T. Ricks
*K. Splinter	J. Thomas	P. Tudor
K. Tunnell	V. Wisenbaker	

*Indicates prior notification to Faculty Senate Secretary.

Visitors to the Senate were Miss Bobbie Jo Shields and Mr. Joe Castle, both from Eastern Progress; and Mr. Giles Black, University Counsel.

Kathryn Splinter has replaced Judy Bowen for the remainder of Senator Bowen's term.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair McGill called for additions and corrections to the May 4, 1992, minutes. Senator Kopacz asked for correction to page 5 under Other Business to add sentence, "Senator Lee-Riffe's amendment passed," to paragraph prior to the last sentence. There being no further additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT - PRESIDENT FUNDERBURK

President Funderburk reported on the Governor's Conference on Higher Education Trusteeship that he attended with Senator Freed. The conference had orientation sessions for new governing board members, a panel of legislators, and discussion about higher education and the funding situation. The president also attended a meeting of the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education. The organization will continue to assist Eastern during the coming months. The Advocates also recognized the outstanding Kentucky college teacher. Eastern had three finalists out of the top ten.

The president emphasized the great need for implementing some type of health care reform. Currently, 14% of the United States

GNP goes toward health care as compared to 7% of our nearest competitors (Japan and Western Europe). The United States can not continue to be competitive in a global economy with so many resources being devoted to health costs. Since 1985 state appropriations for the ECU operating budget have risen 24.5% whereas health care costs for ECU have gone up 138.8%. Health care costs are draining valuable resources away from all state agencies, particularly higher education.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: CHAIR MCGILL

At the Executive Committee meeting of August 31, two appointments were made:

- a. Senator Kopacz will serve as the Faculty Senate Representative on the Arlington Board.
- b. Dr. Ella Hunter will replace Senator McGill on the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Grading.

A report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Grading was postponed.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics in Research and Teaching was asked to include in its charge the issue of inadequate, insufficient, and/or lack of timely feedback given to students.

REPORT FROM THE FACULTY REGENT: SENATOR FREED

Senator Freed reported that he attended two staff retreats held this summer. Vice presidents and deans reported on the budget situation and other matters at the retreats. President Funderburk and James Gilbert (Chairman of the Board of Regents) are ready to meet with small groups of faculty for information and dialogue. Senator Freed mentioned that the three Eastern finalists in the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education best teacher award were Harold Blythe, Branley Branson, and Karl Kuhn.

REPORT FROM THE SEARCH AND REVIEW COMMITTEES FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH: SENATOR SCHWENDEMAN

Senator Schwendeman reported that he was asked to conduct a search for the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research and Dean of Faculty to replace Dr. John D. Rowlett. He stated that the search organization was broken down into a seven member Search Committee and its companion body, a larger Review Committee which has been charged with recommending criteria for the position and establishing procedures for the search. The search will be national and broad-based. The Search Committee is charged with recommending three to five qualified candidates to President Funderburk for his consideration. The Vice Presidential appointment is to be made around April 1, 1993. Members of the Search Committee are: Dr. Joseph Schwendeman, Chair, Mr. Earl Baldwin, Dr. Dan Robinette, Dr. Susan Willis, Dr. Joan McGill, Mr. William Abney, and student representative Mr. Robert Carr. Members

of the Review Committee represent all academic constituencies and include: Dr. Marcia Myers, Mrs. Sandra Moore, Dr. Elizabeth Wachtel, Dr. Marion Ogden, Mr. Giles Black, Dr. Robert Baugh, Dr. Vance Wisenbaker, Dr. Robert Kline, Ms. Frances Hindsman, Dr. William Thames, Dr. Bonnie Gray, Dr. Stephen Fardo, Dr. Robert Sharp, and Dr. Marijo LeVan.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on the Budget: Senator Moore

Elected Senator Vance as Chair.

Committee on Committees: Senator Rink

Elected Senator Rink as Chair.

Committee on Elections: Senator Engle

Elected Senator Engle as Chair.

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Senator Harnack

Elected Senator Hart as Chair. Senator Laird, past Chair of the committee, will serve as consultant to advise the committee as to the details of the report gathered last year.

Committee on Rules: Senator Duncan

Elected Senator Duncan as Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

Senator Splinter was nominated by Senator Gale to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Committees. The candidate was approved by voice vote.

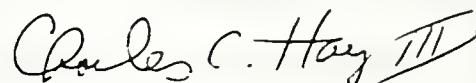
Senator Kopacz moved that the Executive Committee appoint a five member Ad Hoc Committee on Communication to consider the communication needs of the Faculty Senate and to prepare specific motions to implement more effective communication among the different E.K.U. faculty and administrative constituencies. The committee should report back to the Senate at the December 1992 Senate meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Duncan. President Funderburk questioned if the charge was broad enough for the committee to review current communication efforts. Senator Kopacz indicated that it was. Senator Vance questioned if it could be completed by December 1992 and Senator Kopacz felt that it could be done by then. The motion was approved by voice vote.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: SENATOR ROWLETT

There was no report given.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Rowlett moved adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles C. Hay III". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles C. Hay III
Faculty Senate Secretary